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FOR: OPTICAL FIBER SPLICING METHOD AND OPTICAL TRANSMISSION LINE

Enclosed are:

14 pages of specification, claims, abstract.  
 Declaration and Power of Attorney.  
 Priority Claimed.  
 Certified copy of Japanese Patent Application No. 2000-401815  
 5 sheets of formal drawing.  
 An assignment of the invention to Sumitomo Electric Industries, Ltd.  
and the assignment recordation fee.  
 An associate power of attorney.  
 A verified statement to establish small entity status under 37 CFR 1.9 and 37 CFR 1.27.  
 Information Disclosure Statement, Form PTO-1449 and reference.  
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